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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SPANISH NOSES OUT OF JOINT OVER ARIAS OUSTER

MFA UNDER SECRETARY MARCELINO OREJA TOLD AMBASSADOR STABLER
JULY 5 THAT:

--FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA AND INTERIOR MINISTER
FRAGA HAD RESIGNED FOLLOWING WHAT THEY VIEWED AS A
"SLAP IN THE FACE," I.E., THE KING'S FAILURE TO CON-
SULT OR INFORM THEM ABOUT HIS INTENTION TO FIRE ARIAS.

--THE ENTIRE ARIAS-SUAREZ SWITCH HAD BEEN HANDLED BY
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THE KING AND CORTES PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ-MIRANDA.

--INFORMATION MINISTER GAMERO, EDUCATION MINISTER ROBLES PICQUER, AND JUSTICE MINISTER GARRIGUES WILL PROBABLY RESIGN, AND FINANCE MINISTER VILLAR MAR WILL BE DROPPED.

--THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION HAD CAUSED LEADING BANKERS AND FINANCIERS, CONVINCED THAT NEITHER ARIAS NOR VILLAR MAR COULD COPE, TO PRESS THE KING FOR A CHANGE HE HAD LONG FAVORED HIMSELF. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 5180, 7/5.)

2. THE SUDAN POINTS A FINGER AT LIBYA

EMBASSY KHARTOUM REPORTS THAT THE SUDAN IS SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT TO THE UNSC CHARGING:

--LIBYA TRAINED, ARMED AND TRANSPORTED SOME 1,000 MERCENARIES OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES USED IN THE UNSUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT.

--A LIBYAN MILITARY PLANE REPEATEDLY CIRCLED THE KHARTOUM AIRPORT DURING THE ASSAULT BUT NEVER RECEIVED THE AGREED SIGNAL TO LAND.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STRESS THAT THE INCIDENT WAS AN INVASION INVOLVING NO SUDANESE TROOPS AND NOTE THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS BEING GATHERED FROM PRISONERS ABOUT POSSIBLE ETHIOPIAN/ERITREAN PARTICIPATION.

EMBASSY TRIPOLI, COMMENTING ON THE RECALL OF THE SUDANESE AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA, NOTES:

--THE AMBASSADOR CHARGED THAT TWO LEADING SUDANESE EXILES, INCLUDING A FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, PLOTTED THE COUP WITH LIBYAN AID.

--THE AMBASSADOR WAS HIMSELF LINKED WITH A PREVIOUS COUP ATTEMPT WHEN HE SERVED IN TRIPOLI IN 1970-71, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN HIS REGRET AT LEAVING. (LIMITED SECRET

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OFFICIAL USE) KHARTOUM 1943 AND 1946; (CONFIDENTIAL) 1950; (UNCLASSIFIED) 1951, (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 916, 7/5.)

3. CAMEROON READS THE CYRILLIC ON THE WALL

SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO, SYG OF THE PRESIDENCY EBOUA ADVISED AMBASSADOR SPIRO OF CAMEROON'S

CONCERN OVER INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE AMONG ITS NEIGHBORS,
NOTING IN PARTICULAR:

--SOVIET ACTIVITY IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA;

--CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND CONGO;

--INSTABILITY IN NIGERIA AND CHAD;

--SOVIET CONTACTS WITH INTERNAL OPPOSITION GROUPS IN
CAMEROON.

EBOUA REQUESTED ADDITIONAL US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID,
AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE
STOPPING IN YAOUNDE.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: GURC'S APPARENTLY GENUINE CONCERN
MAY EXPLAIN THE RECENT WAVE OF PRO-AMERICANISM HERE, CUL-
MINATING IN THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION AT MY RESIDENCE. SCHAUFEELE MAY WISH TO CON-
SIDER A STOP-OVER IN YAOUNDE OR DOUALA. (CONFIDENTIAL)
YAOUNDE 2417, 7/5.)

4. IRAN: NOBLESSE OBLIQUE IS SHAH'S STYLE

IN EMBASSY TEHRAN'S ASSESSMENT, THE SHAH CONTINUES TO DOM-
INATE IRANIAN POLITICS WITH LITTLE OVERT OPPOSITION. HOW-
EVER, IRAN'S PRESENT RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS NOT PRO-
DUCED A CONCOMITANT GROWTH IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.
IRAN'S POLITICAL EVOLUTION WILL DEPEND UPON:

--ENGAGING EMERGENT ELITE GROUPS IN THE POLITICAL
PROCESS; AND

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--THE SUCCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM TO CHANGE
TRADITIONAL VALUES BY DECENTRALIZING GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY ORGANIZATION.

WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN POLICY:

--THE US IS IRAN'S PRIMARY BIG POWER SUPPORTER WHILE
THE USSR REMAINS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 1.

--THE GOI IS HAVING SOME SUCCESS IN BETTERING RELA-
TIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND IS PLAYING A LEADING
ROLE IN PERSIAN GULF AFFAIRS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: OBLIQUE ACCOMMODATION, NOT CONFRONTATION,

WILL REMAIN THE QUINTESSENTIAL IRANIAN POLITICAL STYLE.
OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS THE SHAH WILL PROBABLY BE
FORCED TO SHARE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. (SECRET) TEHRAN
6776, 7/5.)

5. IRAQ REJECTING ITS "REJECTION FRONT"?

IRAQI MFA DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WALI HAS TOLD
USINT BAGHDAD THAT:

--THE IRAQI ARMY BUILD-UP ON SYRIA'S BORDER HAS BEEN
COMPLETED.

--KURDISH DISSIDENT ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN IRAQ HAS NO
POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

--ARAFAT EXPRESSED BITTERNESS TOWARD SYRIA DURING HIS
JUNE 29 TRIP TO IRAQ AND WAS LOOKING FOR HELP.

USINT SURMISES THAT IRAQI EFFORTS TO CREATE A "REJECTION
FRONT" SEEM TO BE FALTERING BECAUSE:

--SYRIA HAS ADROITLY USED THE JOINT ARAB FORCE AS A
CONVENIENCE TO REDUCE CRITICISM OF ITS OWN INTERVEN-
TION IN LEBANON.

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--SYRIA IS SPURNING THE "REJECTION FRONT" AND SEEKING
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT.

--ALGERIA IS OPTING OUT OF LEBANON, AND LIBYA IS
ACTIVELY MEDIATING BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE LEBANESE
FACTIONS. (SECRET) BAGHDAD 875, 7/5.) KISSINGER

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